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**PROMOTION OF IMPLEMENTATION AND ENFORCEMENT  
OF MARPOL 73/78 AND RELATED CODES**

**Workshop for PSC MOUs Secretariats and Directors of Information Centres  
(London 7 to 9 June 2000)**

**Note by the Secretariat**

**SUMMARY**

***Executive summary:*** This note provides information on the outcome of the Workshop for PSC MOUs Secretariats and Directors of Information Centres held from 7 to 9 June 2000.

***Action to be taken:*** For information only.

***Related documents:*** None

1 The Workshop for PSC MOUs Secretariats and Directors of Information Centres was held at IMO from 7 to 9 June 2000.

2 Attached at annex is the record of recommendations of the Workshop for information of the Committee.

**Action requested of the Committee**

3 The Committee is invited to note the above information.

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## ANNEX

### PORT STATE CONTROL

#### **WORKSHOP FOR MOU SECRETARIES AND DIRECTORS OF INFORMATION CENTRES IMO Headquarters, London, 7 to 9 June 2000**

#### **RECORD OF RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE WORKSHOP**

#### **AGENDA ITEM 1 - OPENING OF THE WORKSHOP**

- 1 The Workshop was opened by Mr. W.A. O'Neil, Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organization.
- 2 The Workshop adopted the Agenda as set out in document PSC/WS/1/1.
- 3 The Workshop unanimously elected, by acclamation, Capt. W.R. Dernier (Indian Ocean MoU), as its Chairman.

#### **AGENDA ITEM 2 - COMMON EXPERIENCES IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF PORT STATE CONTROL**

##### **2.1 Presentations by IMO and ILO Secretariats**

- 4 The Workshop noted presentations by IMO and ILO.

##### **2.2/2.3 Presentations by MoU Secretariats and Information Centres**

- 5 Following presentations by the various MoU Secretariats and the Heads of Information Centres and consideration of their proposals and recommendations, the Workshop participants acknowledged the need for closer co-operation aimed at enhancing the working relationship among regional agreements by:
  - .1 improving the contact mechanism among the Secretariats aimed at the strengthening of the MoUs' network; and
  - .2 facilitating the flow of information among Information Centres on action taken against sub-standard shipping.
- 6 Recommendations emanating from the constructive discussion that followed are reflected below.
- 7 The Workshop recommended that each PSC Committee give due consideration to admitting the Secretariats of other MoUs as observers, in order to ensure a continuous exchange of information, expertise and best practices in the implementation and co-ordination of PSC activities.
- 8 Furthermore, the Workshop recommended that PSC MoU Secretariats' contact details be included by the IMO Secretariat in the IMO list of contact points (MSC/Circ.926, Annex 1, which also appears in the IMO website).

9 The Workshop also recommended that the various MoUs should work, on a regional basis, towards the determination of target factors to inspect ships

### **AGENDA ITEM 3 - HARMONIZATION AND CO-ORDINATION OF PSC PROCEDURES**

#### **3.1 Implementation of resolution A.787(19), as amended**

10 The Workshop noted the amendments to A.787(19) as outlined in PSC/WS/3.1/1 and took cognisance of the effect this might have on the respective MoUs.

#### **3.2 Universal coding system for deficiencies**

11 The outcome of the discussions on a universal coding system is dealt with under agenda item 4.

#### **3.3 Manual for PSCOs**

12 The Workshop, noting with appreciation the offer by the Paris MoU to make available to the other Memoranda a copy of its revised Manual for PSCOs, when finalized, encouraged the adoption of such a Manual, suitably modified bearing in mind the simplicity of the document, for use by other MoUs.

#### **3.4 Code of Conduct for PSCOs**

13 The Workshop was of the opinion that the procedural guidelines contained in resolution A.787(19), as amended, were sufficient to act as a Code of Conduct and that subsequently no new Code need be developed.

#### **3.5 Administrative matters**

14 The Workshop also recommended that when IMO has completed its analysis of the PSC information in its databases, it should display the results on its Secure Internet<sup>1</sup>.

15 In addition, the Workshop recommended PSC MoUs to consider the inspection of ships below convention size and include the results in their databases.

16 The Workshop agreed that PSCOs should not accept transitional certificates of competency that do not comply with STCW 78 and which are issued pending an examination.

17 The Workshop recommended that PSC MoUs consider developing a set of underlying principles in the determination of charges for PSC services. PSC MoUs should keep in mind the recommendation of FSI 5 which states that "The Sub-Committee, noting also that there is a well established practice that the first and single visit to a vessel for port State control is not charged, invited Members to follow that practice" (FSI 5/16, para. 11.30).

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<sup>1</sup> Accessible only by login and password

18 The Workshop agreed that PSC MoUs should consider the proposal that, when a vessel is detained, the flag State concerned should be immediately<sup>2</sup> notified by the best possible means of communication available (see MSC/Circ.926, Annex 1 and IMO website for a list of flag State contact points).

### **3.6 Proposals for harmonization of procedures**

19 The Workshop noted the proposal of the Mediterranean MoU (PSC/WS/3.6/1) regarding an appeal process to remove a possibly wrongful detention or not factually correct data, recorded against a ship's name in PSC MoUs documents.

## **AGENDA ITEM 4 - EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION BETWEEN REGIONAL MOU AGREEMENTS**

20 The Workshop noted that:

- PSC inspection information exchange is needed within and among PSC MoU to ensure an improved overall knowledge of ships' track records regarding PSC inspections and to improve the deployment of PSCOs by targeting alleged substandard ships; and
- emerging MoUs needed to benefit from the experience of operational MoUs and a transfer of technology and information in order to avoid duplication of efforts and to reduce initial costs.

21 The Workshop recommended that each PSC MoU should consider sharing regional information exchange systems with other PSC regions.

22 The Workshop recommended that the FSI Correspondence Group on Certain Aspects of PSC should be made aware of the outcome of the Workshop.

23 The Workshop recommended that existing PSC Committees consider authorizing the IMO Secretariat to access their information systems, if so requested by the IMO Secretariat.

24 The Workshop was of the opinion that it is highly desirable to develop a common coding system, taking into account the needs of PSCOs and Information Centres, applicable to all MoUs as well as maintaining this common coding system.

25 The Workshop recommended that PSC MoUs consider establishing a Contact Group on the Harmonization of Information Exchange under the co-ordination of the United States Coast Guard, which may include Heads of MoU Information Centres and/or System Managers, with the following Terms of Reference:

- to exchange views and information on PSC information systems;
- to prepare proposals to facilitate the exchange of interregional information;

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<sup>2</sup> The Workshop noted that the FSI Correspondence Group on certain aspects of port State control is currently working on an interpretation of the terms "immediate" and "forthwith".

- to facilitate the development of regional information systems;
- to contact the ISO Working Group on Product Structure Directory Standard for Ships ISO/NP 16917 in order to be associated with its on-going work on the harmonization of PSC related data;
- to review and compare existing PSC coding systems;
- to explore the possibilities whether or not existing codes could be combined, harmonized or otherwise modified to form a common coding system;
- to share progress and results on the development of a common coding system with the FSI Correspondence Group on Certain Aspects of PSC.

#### **AGENDA ITEM 5 - TECHNICAL CO-OPERATION**

26 Following an overview presentation on IMO's Integrated Technical Co-operation Programme (ITCP) the Workshop thanked the Organization for the technical co-operation support received leading to the establishment of the various regional PSC MoU regions and subsequent support during their operation.

27 The Workshop recognized that continuing technical co-operation is required to assist the emerging PSC memoranda with respect to:

- .1 facilitating the effective functioning of the PSC organs (Secretariats and Information Centres);
- .2 training of PSCOs (general basic courses, specific subjects and ISM Code implementation);
- .3 the need for closer interaction with IMO through the designation of a PSC co-ordinator either within the IMO Secretariat or through IMO's technical co-operation (ITCP) to follow up the recommendations of the Workshop; and
- .4 the holding of annual workshops, such as the present one

28 The Workshop noted that a PSCO training package developed for the Paris MoU by a Consortium and financed by the European Commission had recently been finalized. The Workshop also took note of the recommendation of the Paris MoU that other PSC MoUs might wish to approach the EC with a view to obtaining the package for training purposes.

29 The Workshop agreed that PSCOs should be trained in order to assess the safety management systems on board ships.

#### **AGENDA ITEM 6 - ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

30 No recommendations were made under this Agenda item

## **AGENDA ITEM 7 - REPORT OF THE WORKSHOP**

31 The Workshop adopted the Record of Recommendations and agreed that a final report of the Workshop would be prepared by the IMO Secretariat following the Workshop, and conveyed to all participants for comments, within a 30 day period for comments, after which the final report will be circulated.

32 The Workshop noted that the outcome of its considerations will be reported by the IMO Secretariat to MSC, MEPC, FSI and TCC in the appropriate form.

## **CONCLUSION**

33 Recognizing that the Workshop was not a decision making body, the PSC MoU Secretaries agreed to recommend to their respective PSC Committees to consider the above agreements and recommendations and take action as appropriate.

34 The participants of the Workshop expressed their deep appreciation to the Chairman for his excellent leadership and to the IMO Secretariat for convening the Workshop and the support received. A special expression of appreciation was directed to Mr. Plaza, Senior Deputy Director, Sub-Division for Technology and TC Implementation, Maritime Safety Division, for his commitment and dedication to PSC matters and in particular, his work relating to the globalization of the PSC system.

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